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1. THE FORMAL CRITIQUE FOR MISSION C-402C, FLOWN ON 18 NOV 72,

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WAS HELD IN THE OSA CONTROL CENTER AT 1400 HOURS, 30 NOV 72.

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FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT PREPARED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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2. MISSION SUMMARY: MISSION C-402C WAS ALERTED ON 16 NOV 72.

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TAKEOFF WAS AT 18/0110Z FROM  THE MISSION TERMINATED AT

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18/0650Z FOR A MISSION DURATION OF 5 PLUS 40 HOURS. THE MISSION

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WAS DESIGNED TO COLLECT PHOTOGRAPHIC  INFORMATION ALONG

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THE NORTH CENTRAL CHINA COAST. THE PILOT WAS  FLYING

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AIRCRAFT 053. MISSION PREPARATION ADHERED TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES

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THE ROUTE WAS PLANNED TO APPROACH NO CLOSER THAN 28 NM FROM THE

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PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) MAINLAND AND 12 NM FROM ALL KNOWN

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PRC CONTROLLED ISLANDS. IN ADDITION THE ROUTE WAS PLANNED TO

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APPROACH NO CLOSER THAN 25 NM FROM ALL KNOWN/SUSPECTED OCCUPIED/

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UNOCCUPIED SAM SITES.

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## PREPLANNED MISSION DATA:

DISTANCE	2089 NM
TIME TO LANDING (NO WIND)	5 PLUS 35 HOURS
MISSION PROFILE	MAXIMUM ALTITUDE
TAKEOFF FUEL	1388 GALLONS
FUEL RESERVE AT HI CONE	235 GALLONS

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MISSION GENERATION WAS ROUTINE.

[REDACTED] THE FLIGHT PROGRESSED

NORMALLY ALONG THE PLANNED ROUTE WITH THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF  
THE ROUTE BEING JUST SOUTH OF THE SHANTUNG PENINSULA; THEN  
TURNING SOUTH FOR THE FINAL LEGS OF THE SORTIE. AT 0402Z  
(APPROXIMATELY 2 MINUTES FROM POINT W)

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25X1 [REDACTED] RESULTING IN DEFENSIVE SYSTEM ACTIVATION.

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DURING EVASIVE ACTION A

SMOKE CLOUD WAS OBSERVED AT THE 4 O'CLOCK POSITION SPACED APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE FROM THE ORIGINAL SIGHTING. ALSO A SMOKE CLOUD WAS OBSERVED ON THE GROUND OVER THE SUSPECTED LAUNCH SITE. DISTANCE FROM THE SUSPECTED SAM SITE WAS ESTIMATED AT 11 NM.

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DURING THE AIRCRAFT EVASIVE MANEUVER, THE CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH TO THE SUSPECTED LAUNCH SITE WAS 14 NM WHICH EQUATES TO 18.3 NM SLANT RANGE). AFTER 180 DEGREES OF TURN THE PILOT REVERSED COURSE TO THE RIGHT IN AN ATTEMPT TO POSITION THE AIRCRAFT PARALLEL TO THE ORIGINAL TRACK AND OFFSET APPROXIMATELY 25 NM FROM THE ISLAND IN QUESTION (HOPEFULLY TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE SUSPECTED LAUNCH SITE). UPON COMPLETING THE FLIGHT LINE HE CORRECTED BACK TO THE PREPLANNED TRACK. SUBSEQUENT REPORTS INDICATED PHOTOGRAPHY WAS NOT OBTAINED. THE REMAINDER OF THE MISSION WAS NORMAL. MISSION COVERAGE WAS

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ESTIMATED BY THE PILOT AT 90 PERCENT SUCCESSFUL. CAMERA OPERATION WAS NORMAL WITH 1,925 FEET OF FILM BEING EXPOSED.

3. WEATHER: THE WEATHER WAS FORECAST TO BE CATEGORY II ALONG THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE ROUTE WITH CATEGORY III AND IV EFFECTING THE LAST TWO PHOTO FLIGHT LINES. THE PILOT REPORTED THE WEATHER WAS SCATTERED CLOUDS WITH LIGHT HAZE OVER A MAJORITY OF THE ROUTE. HALF OF FLIGHT LINE Z-AA AND ALL OF CC-DD WERE LOST DUE TO UNDERCAST.

4. INTELLIGENCE:

A. GENERAL: AS MANY AS THREE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE FIRED AT MISSION C-402C AT 0402Z FROM AN OFF-SHORE ISLAND LOCATED AT 3554N 12053E. THE ISLAND IS LOCATED 18 NM SOUTH OF THE SHANTUNG PENINSULA; IS APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE LONG AND 1/8 MILE WIDE; IT IS ROCKY WITH ONE SMALL LANDING BEACH ROUGHLY 50 FEET WIDE.

A SAM SEARCH OF ALL LAND AREAS WITHIN 30 NM OF THE PLANNED ROUTE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ~~NAVAL PHOTOGRAPHIC~~ 25X1 INTERPRETATION CENTER (NPPC) PRIOR TO THE MISSION. NO SAM COORDINATING OFFICERS

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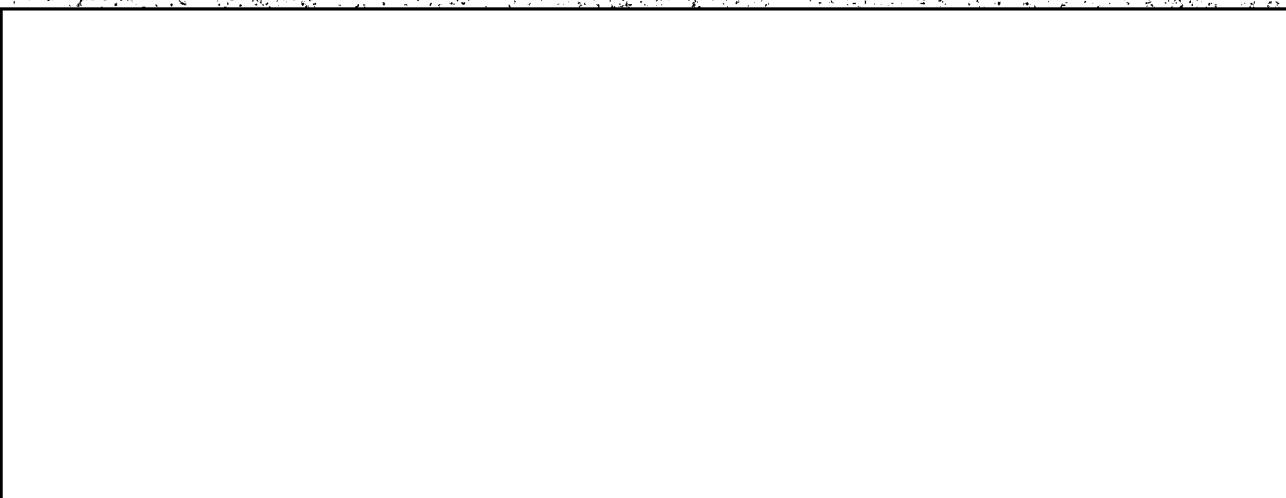
~~TOP SECRET~~TO SITES WERE REPORTED. SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION OF  25X1SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF AN SA-2 SITE  
ON CHAO-LIEN ISLAND.

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C. TARGET COVERAGE: SEVENTY-FIVE OF THE 113 PROGRAMMED  
TARGETS WERE COVERED ON THE MISSION. IN ADDITION, 8 BONUS  
COMIREX TARGETS AND 8 BONUS NON-COMIREX TARGETS WERE COVERED.

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FIRED AT LEAST TWO AND POSSIBLY THREE MISSILES AT THE MISSION  
AIRCRAFT.

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8. MAINTENANCE: THE AIRCRAFT TACAN WAS REPORTED INOPERATIVE SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF AND THE DOPPLER GAVE ERRONEOUS A/S AND WIND VELOCITY INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THESE ITEMS DID NOT HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE MISSION.

9. ACTIONS REQUIRED: NONE. E-2 IMPDET  
END OF MESSAGE

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